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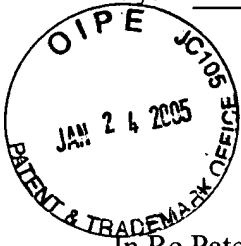
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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2004, which is a final rejection. This response is being timely submitted in view of the simultaneous submission of a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for an Extension of Time, including payment of fees, for three-months to and including January 21, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows: